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Homework 4

Give a brief answer to each of the following three questions (be concise, each answer must be no longer than 500 words). Please cite any sources that you use.

1. Explain the difference between proprietary software and non-proprietary software.
2. Explain the differences between the two kinds of FOSS (free open source software); free as in beer, and free as in speech.
3. Do you think software should be patentable? Explain. Do software patents impede, or encourage innovation? Explain.
4. Install VirtualBox and the SciCompLC Ubuntu appliance.